

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners Hensel, McKenzie, George and were in attendance. Director of Operations Wendt and Maintenance Supervisor Emerick were also in attendance. Commissioner Young was absent.

Rick Hoover and Diane Bonner, Auditors for the Commission, were also in attendance.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2024, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner McKenzie moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf turned the meeting over to Mr. Hoover. Mr. Hoover and Ms. Bonner presented the audit report for the fiscal year 2024. Discussion followed concerning the audit. Overall, the Commission received a favorable report. Mr. Hoover and Ms. Bonner left the meeting at 9:35 AM.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed 16 outside meters since the last meeting. The meters replaced were in Zone 1 Braddock Road and Vocke Road. He stated Zone 1 was nearly complete with 25 remaining inside meters.

Mr. Emerick reported Commission personnel had cleaned and televised 17,591 feet of sewer line in the last 30 days. He stated the lines addressed were on the problem sewer list.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on recent leak surveys done by Commission personnel. He stated personnel had located 3 service line leaks and notified the homeowners of the need to replace or repair their lines.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced six feet of sewer main and installed a new clean out at 8 McKenzie Road.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a sewer main on Braddock Road. He went on to say the main had been damaged by contractors while doing a service line replacement.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on sewer issues at 10034 Cash Valley Road. He stated the line would need to be replaced but wanted to do it in conjunction with a culvert repair being done by the homeowner.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for October 2024.

During September 2024, lost water was 35,427 gallons per day.

During October 2024, lost water was 49,572 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	5,100 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	10,965 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	1,549 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	8,235 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	12,399 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	7,992 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	1,491 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	5,058 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Pump Station portion of the project. He stated the pump station was in service and seemed to be operating as designed. He went on to say punch list items were being addressed. He went on to say this would end reports on the status of the station.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Water Main/Force Main portion of the project. He stated the repairs to the force main were complete and it was functioning as designed. He went on to say punch list items were being corrected. Discussion followed concerning the projects and the punch list items. Mr. Wendt stated the project was substantially complete and activity was minimal. He went on to say the work on Old Mount Savage Road sewer was in progress. He stated following the completion of the sewer line the installation of the overflow control valve would begin.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated the pre-construction meeting had been held on September 26, 2024. He stated the contractor was given a notice to proceed dated March 1, 2025. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with an invitation to join the Maryland Municipal League. He stated the yearly membership was \$5,000.00. Discussion followed concerning the membership. It was agreed the Commission would not join at this time.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the dispensary coming to LaVale. Mr. Wendt stated the old J&M Electronics had been purchased and was being remodeled into a dispensary.

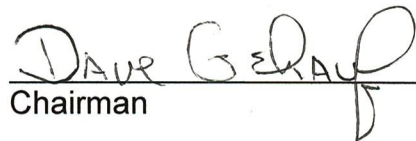
Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with two sewer credit requests. The requests were:

544 National Highway	\$80.04
158 National Highway	\$163.26

Commissioner George moved the credits be approved. Commission Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt opened a discussion about sewer credits and overtime callouts. He stated people were asking for credits for periods longer than the posted 30 days. Discussion followed concerning the rules. Mr. Wendt stated he would work with Mr. Emerick and Dawn George to review the Commissions rules and bring proposed changes to the Board.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 11:30 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer